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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Reserve for Equalization: \$400,000
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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 5; Saturdays, 10 to 3.
- The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a trust security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- Sum less than \$1, or more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
- Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- A deposit account of saving sums less than a dollar may be opened by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Deposits may be forwarded from Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- Interest at the rate of 24 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

With reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per annum.
At 6 months' notice 4 1/2 per annum.
At 12 months' notice 5 1/2 per annum.

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.
H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1566

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. Wm. N. BAIN having RESIGNED his appointment will be succeeded by Mr. Wm. PARLANE as Manager of this Company from the 1st proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 319

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
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(FORMERLY ARTIFICIAL DENTIST AND LATELY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)
A and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS, No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET.

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Perfect adjustment of ARTIFICIAL TEETH by Atmospheric Suction without pain or inconvenience. Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Addr.,
2, DUNDRELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

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AN External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES. There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to 'Sulpholine' in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, 'Sulpholine' will successfully attack them. It destroys the scum-like which causes these unsightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. 'Sulpholine' Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 6d. Made only by J. PEPPER & Co., London.

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DR. KILPATRICK'S Dandelion and QUININE PILLS (without Mercury). THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, HEADACHE, GASTRITIS, CHOLERA, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution. In boxes, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the world.

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RESTORES and develops the nervous system. It gives, enriches the blood, promotes appetite, dispels languor and depression, fortifies the digestive organs. Is a specific remedy for neuralgia, indigestion, fevers, chronic tendencies, &c. The whole frame is greatly invigorated by Pepper's Tonic, the mental faculties brightened, the constitution greatly strengthened, and a return to robust health certain. Bottles, 2s. 6d. Sold by Chemists everywhere. Made only by J. PEPPER & Co., London.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

THIS fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally pain beneath the shoulders, headache, brownness, no appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable taste in the morning, giddiness, disturbances of the stomach, and feeling of general depression. It is the safest medicine. Preparation and Podophyllin is a fluid made only by J. PEPPER & Co., Bedford Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 6d. Sold by all Chemists.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORE.

Will darken grey hair, and in a few days completely bring back the natural colour. The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORE.

IS the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless. Valuable for destroying scurf and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

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THE Largest Assortment of BEDSTEADS ever seen in the Far East. Over ONE HUNDRED BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS to select from, ranging in price from \$170 to \$100 each.

An Inspection is invited.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HATS.

A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

CLOTHING.

Tweeds.
Coatings.
Trousers.
Serges.
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SHIRTS.

Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home manufacture.

HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

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TABLE LINENS.
SHEETINGS, COUNTERPANES, TOWELS, and BATH TOWELS. Cheap Coloured Table Cloths. Lace Curtains. Mosquito Nets. Horrocks' Long Cloths. Oxford Sheetings. White and Coloured Flannels. Navy Blue and White Sarongs. Cotton and Linen Bed Ticks. TENNIS BATS and BALLS. ORIENTAL LACERS.

An Assortment of FANCY BEANS. Ladies' Black Silk Gloves. New POMPADOOR PRINTS. Ladies' UNDERWEAR. Scarbore' TRAVELLING TRUNKS. Gentlemen's Black and Coloured Felt Hats. Do. Water-proof Coats. Do. Couriers, Hand and Gladstone Bags. Do. SHIRTS and COLLARS. Do. HOSIERY of all kinds. Do. BATH DRESSERS. Do. RACE SCARFS all Colours.

Hongkong, February 7, 1885.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6% being \$7.50 per SHARE for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1884, declared at Today's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, PRINCE STREET.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 320

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1884, on or before the 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 321

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, at 12 O'CLOCK, Noon of SATURDAY, the 28th February instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th day of February instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, February 5, 1885. 297

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

Have REMOVED from the DEACONFIELD AROUNDS to larger Premises 1, DUNDRELL STREET.

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERBREAD, RASPBERRYADE, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1245

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, (On Account of whom it may Concern), or

WEDNESDAY NEXT,

the 4th March, 1885, at Noon, at his Office, 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,—

A QUANTITY OF

ABOUT 2,500 TONS TAKASIMA COAL, on Board the S.S. *Castillo*, as also now lies on that Island, near the 17-40-moon Pass.

Terms—Cash immediately after the Sale. Cargo at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

E. JONES HUGHES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 316

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY NEXT, the 25th, 26th and 27th Instant.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,'
JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Acting Manager.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'
J. ABRAHAM, Agent.

For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'
H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1885. 299

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, at 4 o'clock p.m., to receive the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 318

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Directors have appointed Mr. R. C. HULLYER SECRETARY and MANAGER of the Company from the 1st Instant. All Communications should therefore be addressed to him after this date. The Directors believe that, under the new Management, the grounds of complaint heretofore existing will be removed, and full satisfaction will be given to Supporters.

Hongkong, February 7, 1885. 226

WILLIAM DOLAN,

SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRINCE STREET.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

VICTORIA HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall. The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE and HING KEE, PROPRIETORS.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

NOTICE.

THE FORMER TAILOR SHOP, No. 67, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, under the Style TUNG HING, has been established for years. It has been much indebted to its Customers. Mr. LEUNG SHUI, in the year 1885 entered into service of the Corporation and on the 15th February, 1885, he has RESIGNED his POST to go somewhere else. Customers and Debtors to the said Tung Hing Shop are requested to come personally to the Shop to pay what they owe and get their Receipts. After this intimation, Debtors to the Tung Hing Shop are requested not to pay Tung Hing's account to LEUNG SHUI, but to TUNG HING, who will come personally to receive the Payment. Payments will also be received when sent to the Shop, where proper Receipts for the same can be had.

TUNG HING,
Tailor, Central District.

Hongkong, February 18, 1885. 290

NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co. having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and Repair Vessels, at moderate terms. The DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 60 feet broad, and having a depth of water 60 fathoms at spring tides of 27 feet and neap tides 22 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The highest-class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1884. 2185

To Let.

TO BE LET.

THE BASEMENT FLOOR, GODOWN and OFFICE ROOM of No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, either Whole or Separately. Apply to

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CHUN YUEK,
No. 162, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, January 26, 1885. 166

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE in Commodious and well ventilated GODOWNS on his New Premises in DUNDRELL STREET, next to the ORIENTAL BANK.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2178

TO LET.

NEW BUNGALOW—FURNISHED, at Mount Kellett Spur. FIVE ROOMS, LARGE BASEMENT, OUT HOUSES, TENNIS COURT. Possession from April. Apply to

JOHN D. HUTCHISON,

24, Stanley Street.
Hongkong, February 14, 1885. 259

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 32, CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st January, 1885. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, December 23, 1884. 2164

TO BE LET.

THE VICTORIA EXCHANGE, suitable for a Large Store, for SHOPS, WAREHOUSES or MERCHANTS' OFFICES; with or without GODOWN and DWELLING HOUSE; or the Premises can be Subdivided to suit TENANTS. Apply to

A. S. WATSON & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1885. 243

TO LET.

No. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from 1st March. Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.
Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 283

TO LET.

THE LARGE and COMMODIOUS HOUSE at Kowloon known as 'Belvue,' with GARDEN and 1 TENNIS COURTS attached. Entry at once. Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 292

TO LET ON LEASE.

TENEMENTS WANTED for the following TENEMENTS:
Nos. 83 to 102, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
" 15 " 22, PRAYA.
" 1 " 14, Tai-Wong LANE.
" 1 " 27, Tai-Wong STREET.
" 2 " 26, SHIP STREET.

The Property will be put in thorough Repair. Entry from 1st April. Tenants to be lodged with the Under-tenant on or before 20th March. For further Particulars, apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

4, Praya Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1885. 291

TO LET.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS' (late HOTEL DE L'UNIVERSITE), Single Rooms or SUITES of APARTMENTS. Nos. 4 and 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. No. 208, PRAYA CENTRAL. No. 44, CHAMBERS STREET. Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 24, 1884. 2165

Delivery of the French mail was begun at 10.15 this morning.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the S.S. *Cleopatra* left Singapore for this port yesterday.

Mrs. C. F. Tremlett, British Consul at Saigon, arrived here from that port this morning in the M. M. steamer *Priolo*.

The French cruiser *La Perouse*, 2,300 tons, Captain Mouquet, arrived to-day from Saigon and Europe.

This Band of 'The Buffs' will play at the Officers' Mess, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.
MARCH—'The Soldier's Song'—Gasser.
POLKA—'Wir Bilde'—Faint.
OVERSUNG—'Reinhold'—Schubert.
Valse—'Über Land und Meer'—Gungl.
Scherzo—'Reminiscences of Sullivan'—Winterbottom.
AIR DE BALLET—'Les Etolies'—Eaton.
GALOP—'Pomona'—Leather.
Jno. Kelly, Band Sergeant.

A full report of the meeting of the Park Tin Mining Co. at Shanghai appears in the N. C. D. News, and from the proceedings it would appear that Mr. Houghton's report was fairly encouraging. The tribute system may be worked successfully in some parts, and the property at Chundarling is favourably reported upon. It was decided to register the company, if possible in Hongkong, though it was not deemed advisable to change the place of management.

By the Home papers per French mail it is stated that the ironclad *Agamemnon* was to be towed through the Suez Canal, and that her transit through the Canal was to occupy five days. She reached Port Said on 18th Jan., and is expected here early next month; her moorings in Hongkong harbour are being prepared. It may be added that, according to the Director of Naval Construction, the steering of the *Agamemnon* is at last satisfactory, after the alterations effected in her draft at Malta.

Some days ago a Chinese version of a telegram was published here to the effect that the Sultan of Turkey had sent his son to be Governor of the Sudan. Now the Chinese are informed that the Premier made a statement in the House that the Sultan's son was now determined to issue an edict to the army to evacuate the Sudan temporarily, and advance to Khartoum to break the power of the rebels so as to prevent them working their will to the injury of that country; which is also a masterly stroke of military tactics.

The same paper which publishes these telegrams has, however, a sensible article on a subject with which it is more familiar, the extravagance of Chinese ceremonial, in which it ridicules the playing of cheerful music on gongs and flutes at funerals, and the hiring of professional mourners, &c. 喪事用鼓吹若以死亡為喜 喪葬禮節何其外亡國之風 同慶生人滿結彩張燈結綵 孝子代作流涕之狀 人哀我裝 此何謂也

A formidable looking torpedo boat is being built at Boyd's Yard, Footing. It is said this boat will carry a very high rate of speed.—N. C. D. News.

The claims of the Ceylon Government on the old O. B. Bank amount to about £1,200,000, being fixed and current deposits, and also to nearly £5,500,000, being notes in circulation, as stated in the Government Gazette. Both these items make up £6,700,000. This will, it is supposed, be settled as follows:—£2,450,000 in February 1885, and the rest by instalments.

This prospectus has been issued of the Singapore Insurance Company, Limited, with a capital of £2,000,000 in 20,000 shares of £100 each, payable £25 on application and £75 on allotment, and further calls of £20 not to be made at less intervals than three months. The company was incorporated on the 5th instant, under the Indian Company's Act 1850, and is therefore an accomplished fact. The list of Provisional Directors is an influential one, and comprises gentlemen of well known commercial position and business ability, all of whom will bring largely in the company's charges, and thus whose names no better guarantee is required to assure the successful floating of the company. The business of the company will be confined to Fire Risks in the Settlement and elsewhere, and will be conducted on the principle of a system that has been found to work well in the East. The prospectus, which is brief and to the point, will be found in our advertising columns, and will commend itself to investors.—Straits Times.

HONGKONG RACES 1885.

Stewards—His Excellency Sir G. P. Bowen, G.O.M.G.; Vice-Admiral Sir W. M. Dorell, K.C.B.; His Excellency Lieut. General Sir C. B. Commodore J. Digby-Morant, R.N.; Colonel Walker, E.C.; Lieut. Colonel Crawford, R.A.; Lieut. Colonel Graves, the Buffs; Lieut. Colonel Hobson, the Buffs; Lieut. Colonel The Hon. W. Keble, the Buffs; Lieut. Colonel The Hon. F. D. Sassoon; W. H. F. Darby, Esq.; J. Bell Irving, Esq.; G. F. Nichols, Esq.; W. H. Forbes, Esq.; G. F. Nichols, Esq.; A. Oxon, Esq.; O. P. Chalmers, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer—F. Thurburn, Esq. Clerk of the Course—H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.

the experience of the past few years, the weather was of the most unfavourable kind. For the last two or three weeks there has been little sunshine, the weather has been very threatening, and there have been frequent light showers of rain, or a raw mist, which made outdoors and indoors very unpleasant. Every one thought, or hoped, however, that the weather would improve when the first race day came, and this was probably one of the reasons which led the Stewards of the Jockey Club yesterday to decide to hold the races as advertised. Unfortunately for mankind at large (in Hongkong) the weather has not improved; if anything, it has grown worse, and the appearance of things in general at the Race Course this afternoon was gruesome in the extreme. The races in themselves were no doubt very interesting to enthusiastic sportsmen, but the many and varied attractions outside the result of the races connected with our annual race meetings were sadly wanting. The cold, rain, and wind penetrated everywhere and made everything uncomfortable. The attendance of all classes of the community was unusually small. For the greater part of the afternoon the Grand Stand was almost deserted, and most of the booths were absolutely empty; while the attendance of ladies, whose dress and presence lend so much to the attractiveness of the meeting, was, naturally, exceptionally small. Among those who were present were: Their Excellencies the Governor, Lieut. General Sargent, and Admiral Dowell, Mrs. Sargent, the Misses Sargent and others. Inside the Course the number of natives, soldiers and sailors, was a mere handful compared to the enormous crowds who usually assemble there; the wonder is that there were so many, for the ground was a perfect swamp, and those who visited it must either have been regardless of personal comforts, or ignorant of what they were to endure.

As to the races themselves, there need be little said. The fields were small, and, for the most part, the events were indifferent. The 'Derby,' the principal event of the day, was won in the most surprisingly easy manner, the winner having all the 'fun' to himself. In the Wong Nei Chong Stakes, a race in which the public at large always take an unusually strong interest, *Merry Monk* again proved himself the best 'scrambler' in the field. The calculations of some of the knowing ones were considerably upset, especially by the result of the 'Derby.' Our correspondent, 'Gone away,' last night pointed out the winners in five of to-day's events, which shows that he is more than usually accurate in such prognostications. Of the public booths, that of the Hongkong Hotel was by far and away the most effectively decorated and arranged, and this and the purveying reflect the highest credit on the taste and the care of the manager (Mr. Greeley). During the afternoon this establishment and that of the Victoria Hotel were very extensively patronized. The arrangements of the Stewards were, as usual, very efficient, and the weighing-in and starting were more than usually punctual. The following are the names of the gentlemen on whom devolved the work of carrying out the arrangements of to-day:—Judges—Messrs W. H. Forbes and A. Coxon; Weighers—Messrs H. Hopkin and C. P. Chalmers; Starters—Messrs John Grant and Major Hamilton; and Clerk of the Course, Mr. G. H. J. Tripp.

Our correspondent 'Gone away,' after referring us to to-day's events as evidence of the correctness of his prophecies, gives us the following 'tips' for to-morrow. Starters are of course problematical, but, if they go, the following are likely to be found the winners to-morrow:—The Scurry Stakes; *Wild Jet*; or *T. J.* The Exchange Stakes; *Conqueror* or *Shamrock*. The Garban Cup; *Vanity Fair*. The Parson Cup; *Wild Jet* or *Trut*. The Professional Cup; *Belgravia*. The Rose Cup; *Wild Jet* first; *Bandman* second, and *Fun* third. The Broker's Cup; Mr. Sassoon's stable. The Flyaway Stakes; *Triumph* or *Dunkeld*.

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Mr. St. Vincent's *Highgate* (Sampson) 11st. 11lbs. 4.
The ponies were started almost punctually at one o'clock. Two false starts were made, but at the third attempt the ponies went off fairly well together, although there was some hesitancy about the movements of all but *Merry Monk*, who started off at a rattling pace almost before the flag fell. At the Rock *Merry Monk* had already obtained a lead of two lengths from the second pony, *Dunkeld*, who was closely pressed by the other two ponies. This order was maintained all the way down the hill, and though *Merry Monk* lost some of his lead on entering the Straight he was still a length or two ahead of *Dunkeld*; *Highgate* was overtaken while passing the village by *Shamrock*, and at the first booth was completely beaten. Here *Merry Monk* was shaken up by Dunman, and striding along with comparative ease the old short-distance favourite came in as easy winner, some three lengths ahead of *Dunkeld*, in 65 sec. *Pond*, on *Shamrock*, made a brave effort to overtake *Hutchings* on *Dunkeld*, but at the close he was half a length behind the second pony.

2.—THE ASHLEY CUP.—presented by the Hon. F. D. Sassoon.—For China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Entrance \$5. Weight for inches. One mile.
Mr. John Peel's *Bandman* (Dunman) 11st. 4lbs. 1.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Triumph* (Sampson) 11st. 4lbs. 2.
Major Bagstock's *Graziola* (Hutchings) 11st. 4lbs. 3.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Iris* (Guedes) 11st. 11lbs. 4.
Mr. Jay's *Schutz* (Ruttonjee) 11st. 11lbs. 5.
Just as the ponies went out rain began to fall. A very fair start was effected, *Iris* having rather the best of it in getting away. Within the first hundred yards, however, *Bandman* got into first place. After about half a mile had been covered, *Triumph* drew ahead of the others and got close up to *Bandman*, but did not keep the position long, at the Black Rock Mr. Peel's blue and silver showing a good four lengths in front. Between the Black Rock and the straight *Triumph*, again being called upon, answered the call most gamely, and again drew close up to *Bandman*, and a capital race ensued between the two ponies, *Bandman* eventually passing the post a short lead in front of *Triumph*. Time, 2min. 23sec.

3.—THE HONGKONG DERBY.—Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing Entries with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$5 for 2nd.
For all China Ponies below 16 lbs. Grifins at date of closing Entries, 24th January, 1885. First Pony, 7 per cent; Second, 20 per cent; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10 lbs. One-mile-and-a-half.
Mr. Buxey's *Fun* (Pond) 10st. 12lbs. 1.
Mr. Jay's *Trut* (Sampson) 10st. 10lbs. 2.
Mr. Ten Broeck's *Wild Jet* (Hutchings) 11st. 4lbs. 3.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Emperor* (Ruttonjee) 10st. 10lbs. 4.
Two attempts to start the ponies failed. At the third try a beautiful start was effected. *Fun* was the favourite, deservedly so. *Fun* and *Trut* took the lead and went up the hill, neck and neck, a length and a half ahead of the other couple. The same order was maintained going down the hill, but passing the village it was varied by the latter couple making on the leaders, and coming up the Straight all four ponies were in a cluster, *Emperor* being slightly behind the others. At the Bridge *Fun* was slightly in advance of *Trut*, but the latter pony was urged on and again overtook the leader, and they went up the hill neck and neck as before. When the Black Rock was reached, however, *Fun* strode away from his willow companion, and from that point until house was reached he gradually, with infinite ease, entered away from his rivals, and passed the post at least six lengths ahead of *Trut*, which was completely blown; *Fun*, on the other hand, seemed never to have taken a hair, and his victory was the easiest ever witnessed in a Hongkong Derby. Time 3m. 47sec. *Wild Jet* was five or six lengths behind *Trut*.

4.—THE CHINESE CUP.—presented by Merchants' Commissioners of Hongkong, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Previous winners, at this Meeting 10 lbs. extra. Subscription Grifins allowed 7 lbs. Entrance \$10. Second Pony to receive half the Entrance money. One-mile-and-a-half.
Mr. John Peel's *Conqueror* (Dunman) 11st. 4lbs. 1.
Mr. Buxey's *Belgravia* (Pond) 11st. 4lbs. 2.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Harriet* (Sampson) 10st. 12lbs. 3.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Ambassador* (Guedes) 11st. 4lbs. 4.
Mr. Jay's *Schutz* (Ruttonjee) 11st. 11lbs. 5.
Major Bagstock's *Whitethapel* (Hutchings) 11st. 4lbs. 6.
Six ponies came to the post. *Schutz* got a little best of the start, and kept the lead until past the Bridge, with *Harriet* and *Whitethapel* close behind. In going up the hill *Harriet* worked into first place but failed to keep it for long, as, when about opposite the stand, on the far side of the course, *Conqueror* pulled out from the rack, got to the front, and placed *Harriet* about a length behind. The position remained much the same until the Black Rock was reached, when *Belgravia* took up the running and worked into second place, *Harriet* dropping two lengths behind. Coming down the Straight there was a good race for first place between *Conqueror* and *Belgravia*, the former winning by about half a length. *Harriet* finished third about two lengths behind *Belgravia*. Time 3min. 56sec.

5.—THE VALLEY STAKES.—Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for Subscription Grifins only. Weight for inches. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.
Major Cochran's *Vanity Fair* (Hutchings) 11st. 4lbs. 1.
Mr. Sassoon's *Pilgrim* (Dunman) 11st. 2lbs. 2.
Mr. Sassoon's *Warrior* (Pond) 11st. 11lbs. 3.
Mr. John Peel's *At Last* (Dunman) 11st. 4lbs. 4.
Mr. Jay's *Schutz* (Sampson) 11st. 11lbs. 5.
Mr. Neptuno's *Belldonna* (Bathgate) 10st. 12lbs. 6.
Mr. Grammont's *Discard* (Ruttonjee) 10st. 12lbs. 7.
Mr. Sassoon (with *Warrior* and *Pilgrim*) declared best to win. Owing to the impetuosity of *Vanity Fair*, the ponies had to be twice recalled by the starter. At the third attempt, however, the flag fell to a beautiful start. *Vanity Fair*, who seemed to be in great fettle, at once took the lead, followed closely by *Discard*. *Belldonna* came next, and was very gamely followed by *Pilgrim*, the others being close together, about a length behind. On the way up the hill *Discard* placed himself alongside the leader, but on the way down he again fell back, and was passed by *Pilgrim* before the foot of the hill was reached. At the same time the other ponies, led by *Warrior*, encroached on the leaders, and just before the field entered the Straight, all the ponies were well together. Here, however, *Vanity Fair* showed his superiority and came away from

the rack with ease. This pony, well ridden by Hutchings, who is not in the best of form, came in the easiest of winners in 1m. 47s. At the entrance to the Straight, *Pond* whipped *Warrior*, and had almost overtaken his stable companion, *Pilgrim*, when the latter was grandly urged on by *Bathgate*, who landed his mount in second place by a neck. *Schutz* took third place.

6.—THE FOONCHOW CUP, value \$200.—presented by the Foonchow Community, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5. Two miles.
Mr. Ten Broeck's *Wild Jet* (Hutchings) 11st. 4lbs. 1.
Mr. F. S. Gordon's *Shamrock* (Pond) 10st. 12lbs. 2.
Mr. John Peel's *Torpedo* (Dunman) 10st. 12lbs. 3.
Only three ponies started for this race. Some difficulty was experienced in getting *Shamrock* away, but after two tries a good start was effected. For the first half mile all the three ponies kept well together, all being abreast at the half-mile post. Between the post and the Black Rock, *Wild Jet* took the lead, but was almost immediately overtaken by *Shamrock*, who ran neck and neck with him for some distance. Passing the Grand Stand the first time round *Shamrock* had got half a length ahead of *Wild Jet*, with *Torpedo* close behind. Passing the Black Rock the second time round *Shamrock* led by a length, but in the Straight *Wild Jet* being ridden hard came up and a splendid race took place between him and *Shamrock*. *Wild Jet*, splendidly ridden by Hutchings, pulled ahead inch by inch and won the race by a head only. Time, 5 min. 1sec.

7.—THE CANTON CUP, value \$150.—for China, Manila and Japan Ponies that have never won a Race previous to this Meeting. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5. One mile.
Mr. Buxey's *T. J.* (Dunman) 10st. 12lbs. 1.
Messrs. Kerfoot and Co.'s *Monck's Victory* (Hutchings) 11st. 11lbs. 2.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Major* (Sampson) 10st. 12lbs. 3.
Mr. Jay's *Mut* (Drude) 10st. 11lbs. 4.
Mr. F. S. Gordon's *Pinetree* (Ruttonjee) 11st. 11lbs. 5.
After a very fair start *Monck's Victory* went to the front and ran neck and neck with the first half mile, when *Major* worked into second place. At the Black Rock *T. J.* came up and got ahead of *Major*, *Nutmeg* coming through at the opening of the Straight and getting the lead of *Pinetree*, who then dropped behind. A very close race was made by *T. J.* and *Nutmeg*, the former coming in a winner by a neck; *Major* being a good third. Time, 2 min. 27sec.

8.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—for all China Ponies below 16 lbs. Grifins at date of Entry. Weight 7 lbs. 7 lbs., and Jockeys that have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China. Entrance \$5. Once round.
Mr. Jay's *Trut* (Drude) 11st. 7lbs. 1.
Mr. John Peel's *Knight Templar* (Coxon) 11lb. 7lbs. 2.
Mr. F. S. Gordon's *Killingbird* (Angier) 11lb. 7lbs. 3.
Major Cochran's *The Pinkie* (Hutchings) 11lb. 7lbs. 4.
Mr. St. Vincent's *Lainny* (Guedes) 11st. 4lbs. 5.
After some little time had been spent in getting the five starters into line a fair start was made. After going well together half round the course *Killingbird* got a lead of a length or so, with the *Pinkie* close up behind. By the time the Black Rock was reached the places were again changed, *Trut* having run into second place close behind *Knight Templar*, who had come to the front, leaving *Killingbird* a length behind. Down the Straight the *Knight Templar* and *Trut* had a remarkably good race, the latter passing the post about a length ahead of the *Knight Templar*. *Killingbird* was third, and would have had a chance of winning had he been a little harder ridden at the finish. Nearly all the jocks in this race were rather new to their work, the winning rider, Mr. Drude, being probably the least experienced amongst them. Time, 2 min. 5 sec.

Police Intelligence.
(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)
Wednesday Feb. 25th.
AN ARTFUL WIDOW TAKEN IN.—Cheung Koon, a woman, was charged with obtaining property to the value of \$50 by false pretences, on the 8th inst. Complainant Yeung Kam, a widow, told her tale to the following effect: At about 5 p.m., on the 8th inst, she was on the Queen's Road, and saw a woman, who she knew to be Cheung Koon, come up to her and asked her the way to the Tai Tam. She told him to go towards the west. Directly afterwards she met the defendant who called her 'aunt,' and told her that the cooie to whom she had just spoken had been taken to the police station. Defendant then asked her to take her to the place where the cooie was, and she said she would do so if he would take her to the place where the cooie was. She said she had no money, and the defendant then advised her to change some of her jewellery for the gold. Eventually she gave a pair of the way to the Queen's Road, worth \$50, a pair of earrings and a hairpin, altogether worth \$50, to the defendant, who gave her the cooie in exchange for the six new gettings. She thought the nuggets were gold and that the cooie was ignorant of their value, and so she tried to get them cheap. On the way home she met a friend who told her the nuggets were not gold. On the 23rd she saw the defendant and gave him in custody. Defendant denied ever having seen complainant before and was discharged.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.
Chun Aki, and seven others, all coolies, were charged with public gambling at No. 256 Queen's Road West on the 24th inst. Police Sergeant George Kemp, accompanied by a party of police, entered the house named on a warrant at 1 p.m. yesterday. On the top floor he found the place fitted up for fan-tan gambling and about 30 men who tried to make their escape. He arrested eight of them.
Three of the defendants against whom there were previous convictions recorded, were fined \$20 or a month's hard labour. The rest were fined \$10 or fourteen days each.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.
The following telegrams are taken from Indian papers brought on by the *Pelito*—

Quito, January 28.—The British loss during the fighting since the 10th inst. is 21 killed and 104 wounded. Among those killed are Lords Adie and St. Vincent and Lieutenant Guthrie, who have died of wounds received on the 17th. Lieutenant Crutchley of 1st Battalion Fusiliers, Lieutenant Snow of the 13th Regiment and Lieutenant Livingstone of 42nd Regiment were killed in the engagement on the 15th instant. The number of the enemy on the latter occasion was 7,000 and their loss in killed and wounded was 2,000. The Queen has telegraphed her thanks to Lord Wolseley for the gallant conduct of her troops, and the telegram adds that Colonel Sir Herbert Stewart has been raised to the rank of Major General. General Earle telegraphs that hostilities from the rebels are doubtful this side of Borneo and that the war of Sullivan, the murderer of Colonel Stewart, have submitted.

London, January 29.—The *Daily News* publishes a telegram from Telenan that the 5th of Persia is sending troops to Khurasan in order to protect the English Boundary Commission.
Aden, January 28.—The P. & O. S. S. *Cherson*, outward bound for Bombay and China, ran ashore at Perim at 2 o'clock this morning. It is expected that she will be towed to Aden. She is being assisted by the *Thames*.
Aden, January 29.—The steamer *Cherson* has been got off shore at Perim without damage and left here with the English mails of 16th instant for Bombay at three o'clock this afternoon.

Quito, Jan. 29.—A later telegram states that Lord Arliff did not die from his wounds, as stated in yesterday's telegram, and that Lieutenants Crutchley, Snow and Livingstone are only wounded and not killed, as previously stated. Lord Somerset is also wounded.
London, January 30.—Mr. Bright, speaking at Birmingham yesterday, deprecated the increase of the Navy and the extension of the British Empire; and ridiculed the idea of Colonial Federation.
The Great Powers have accepted the English basis for future negotiations respecting Egypt.

Dr. Temple, Bishop of Exeter, has been appointed Bishop of London.
The 93rd Regiment has been ordered to the Cape to relieve Sir Charles Warren.
John, January 30.—Mr. J. M. Maudslayi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, said that the action of Italy and England in Egypt was of a parallel nature, and both aimed at giving the important interests there involved.

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Mandul (through *Thames*) January 30.—A second treaty between France and Upper Burma has been signed in Paris, and a French Consul will be sent to Mandalay. It is now to be hoped that Lord Dufferin will either make Upper Burma a Tributary State or, better still, annex the whole country; for, whoever retains the Palace will always be used by foreigners and others in Burmese employ for intrigues against the British.

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WESTERN CHINA EXPLORATIONS.

(*Review of the Press*, Feb. 2.)

On Saturday we mentioned the departure, by the mail steamer (in Calcutta, of Mr. Holt Hallett, the collector of Mr. A. K. Colquhoun, in the explorations necessary for outlining the project of opening up a trade-route to South Western China via Tenasserim. Mr. Hallett, who looks well, notwithstanding the fatigues of his journey over the 2,500 miles of ground, which it was necessary to explore, has surveyed and taken levels of about 1,500 miles of country in the Western Siam States, and has procured such information as was required to decide upon the easiest routes for a railway for connecting Kiangtse, which lies on the Mekong River, with Bangkok and Borneo. He has ascertained that the physical difficulties in the way of the railway project are by no means so great as is imagined, having discovered several large plains, some of them 150 miles long, such for instance, as the Kiangtse plain, on which to align the railway. In fact, with the exception of about 24 miles on the Tenasserim side, the route traced out by Mr. Hallett, a large portion of which is along the valleys of the principal rivers, the banks of which are much more densely populated than is the case in British India, presents no such difficulties as would be the case in the expense of construction beyond what it might be expected to cost in a place like this province—that is, about £7,000 a mile. If anything, Siam offers greater inducements for railway enterprise than even this country.

The population is much larger along the proposed railway route, while in the valleys of the Menam and other rivers there is no opposition to be apprehended from a noble set of river steamers, such as we have here on the Irrawaddy, and which are, rather, dollars, which the railway will tap, are likewise twice the extent of that of the Irrawaddy.

Mr. Hallett came across and heard of about 45 cities and towns in the Kiangtse plain, some of them of the size of London, and many of which are being re-populated by the descendants of its former inhabitants, who were laid away captives by the Siamese Shans, when they annexed Kiangtse to their empire, about the end of the last century. The fertility of the soil seems to be great, judging from the information given to Mr. Hallett at Kiangtse by some of the advocates of Dr. McAlivay (American Presbyterian Missionary at Yunnan). At 250 fathoms of paddy were yielded for one sow. The coins current throughout most parts of Siam are English, or Indian and Siamese, whilst in the Western Siam States the only coin seen is the Indian rupee.

The principal foreign traders were Chinese (a large number of the British Settlements of Hongkong and the Straits), British Burmans, Tonquinese, Upper Burman Shans and Yunnanese. British commerce, already permeating through these regions, requires only the aid of railways to promote its proper development, and to which we may observe that the Borneo Company have lately obtained the concession for working some large and valuable tea forests to the north-west of Yunnan; this town being the point where the British Burma branch of the proposed railway line, starting from Mandalay, links on to that running from Bangkok to Kiangtse, along the Menam Valley, through the province of Cheangnai or Yunnan.

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" Butot nat	" 20,000	
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" Tobacco	" 11,000	
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" Guns and ammunition	" 1,000	
" Licenses	" 1,000	
17.—	A tax of Rs. 5 per picul (133 lbs.) on dried fish.	
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